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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Jim McCargar

1. To the best of my recollection, I first met Subject and his wife in June 1950 at a party here in Washington given by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mitchell (American - he works at the Riggs Bank), with whom I was spending the weekend. There were about 40 people there and I did not speak to either of the McCargars. I remember that they both got quite drunk and were the last to leave. The next night we were again at the same party at Mr. and Mrs. André de Limur's (American citizens, not in the government). I asked someone about the McCargars and was given a very complicated story about how they had both been married before and they had an affair which became known, so then to protect "his career" he was forced to marry her. There are some colorful details about how they were discovered on the Orient Express and she was posing as his wife and the conductor questioned her papers, but I do not remember the details and I am not sure that what I have written above has even a grain of truth. Apparently most men find her fascinating and most women think she is rather ugly. I remember asking if they were English and being told that he was in our Foreign Service, which surprised me because he seemed rather English and they both have an affected way of speaking.

2. The next time I saw them was in a restaurant in Paris in June 1951. They stopped for a minute at our table and spoke to the Americans I was with.

3. I saw them again during the winter of 1952-53 at a dinner at the de Limur's. They had only recently returned to Washington and people were making a great fuss about how nice it was to have them back here. Mrs. McCargar had dyed her hair blond with silver streaks and in my opinion looked even cheaper than before.

4. Jim McCargar is medium height, has light brown hair where he is not bald, wears glasses, and has an affected manner. His wife is tall, thin, and dark (when I first met her). She has prominent buck teeth, but otherwise has good features. I would guess they were both about 35 years old.

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